

## **Rural Health Collaborative Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**October 28, 2019**

**Time: 5:00pm to 6:00pm**

**Location: Virtual Meeting**

The following Rural Health Collaborative (RHC) Executive Committee members were in attendance:

Victoria Bayless, MHSA

Timothy Shanahan, DO

Joseph Ciotola, MD

April Sharp, LCSW

Ken Kozel, MBA, FACHE

Fredia Wadley, MD

Scott LeRoy, MPH

William Webb, MS

Sara Rich, MPA

Also in attendance: Eleanor Dayhoff-Brannigan, Assistant Attorney General, Maryland Department of Health; Ron Bialek, MPP, Executive Director, RHC, and President, Public Health Foundation (PHF); Kathleen Amos, MLIS, Assistant Director, Academic/Practice Linkages, PHF

### **Welcome and Review of Agenda**

Meeting was called to order at 5:02pm by RHC President Fredia Wadley, MD.

### **Review and Approval of May 7, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

*Fredia Wadley, MD, Talbot County Health Officer*

Dr. Wadley requested any comments on the draft minutes for the May 7, 2019 RHC Executive Committee meeting. No additions or corrections were provided. The RHC Executive Committee approved the minutes.

### **Discussion of RHC Member Nominations**

*Fredia Wadley, MD, Talbot County Health Officer*

- RHC Executive Committee members discussed nominations received for appointments to the RHC. Nominations were considered for four seats that are currently vacant (primary care provider who practices in the Mid-Shore Region; health care provider from Caroline County; health care provider from Dorchester County; and representative from a primary transportation provider in the Mid-Shore Region) and three seats filled by members whose terms end in January 2020 (health care consumer from Dorchester County; health care consumer from Kent County; and representative from a local Board of Education in the Mid-Shore Region).
- The RHC Executive Committee made its nominations for all seats except for health care provider from Dorchester County, for which no nominations were received. Individuals nominated will be contacted to confirm their willingness to serve, and nominations will be submitted to the Secretary of Health for consideration.

### **Discussion of Draft Rural Health Complex Components**

*Fredia Wadley, MD, Talbot County Health Officer*

- RHC Executive Committee members discussed a draft list of components for a rural health complex. This list pulls together items that have been discussed in RHC and individual county

meetings and offers a preliminary attempt to delineate the key components that need to be present for a rural health complex.

- The draft list of components for a rural health complex was developed within the context of serving the Medicare population. A question of whether to continue this focus for the initial model, with the understanding of broadening it in the future, or to broaden the focus to the entire population now will be discussed with the RHC at its December 2019 meeting.
- The Integrating Clinical and Social Support Services Workgroup will work on refining the draft list of components for a rural health complex.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.